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Weekly PBSUCCESS Meeting with DD/P

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Present: Mr. Wisner (DD/P), Mr. Helms (COP), Mr. Barnes (C-PP), Mr. Tofte (C-PP/O),  
Col. King (CWH), [ ] (DC/WH), [ ] (WH).

In outlining procedure for subject meetings,  
the following order of business was established:

- I. Status and progress report.
- II. Review of action called for in previous minutes.
- III. New business.

I. Status and progress report.

A. Execution of PBSUCCESS re OAS Conference

On subject of OAS Conference, Col. King reported that Ambassador Puerifoy favored the execution of PBSUCCESS before the Caracas conference. It was agreed by those attending subject meeting that this would be impracticable. Mr. Wisner undertook to cover this point with Ambassador Puerifoy.  
ACTION: Mr. Wisner.

B. Withdrawal of Military Missions

The question of the timing of the Military Missions with respect to the announcement of military aid pacts with other Central American countries was discussed. Mr. Wisner preferred not to decide the timing now in view of the possible use of the Military Mission as observers and as a channel to feed discouraging news to Guatemalan army people, thereby seeking to alienate them from the Arbenz government by discreetly blaming the latter for the apparent hold-up in the aid program. Mr. Wisner called attention to the fact that we do not have at this time adequate appreciation of the army's loyalties and should therefore not eliminate the possibility of using the Military Mission to develop and exploit such opportunities for dissension within the army that might occur.

ACTION:

C. Presence of Popodosky in Guatemala

It was agreed that it is highly desirable, both for intelligence and PW purposes, to confirm or deny the reported presence of Popodosky in Guatemala. If his presence is confirmed, it might be used at QAS.

ACTION: WHD and LINCOLN

Staff C to be consulted.

ACTION: WHD - [ ]

D. Exploitation of Martinez' Departure

In order to exploit the departure of Martinez along the lines of para 1(d) of Mr. Wisner's memo on this subject, it was agreed to confer with EED and WED with a view to ascertaining possibility of having the story appear in the areas' press. Development of a secondary phase of this action, i.e. pick up by the U.S. press and insertion in or pick up by Mexican press is also called for.

ACTION: WHD - Mr. [ ]

E. Pelilier I & S Check

The I & S check on Pelilier to be followed up and reported on earliest.

ACTION: WHD - Mr. Esterline

F. Black Flights

In connection with Mr. [ ]'s paper on the logistical support to the Paramilitary plan, Col. King expressed concern over the security problems raised by the number (40) of Black Flights envisaged. It was noted by Mr. [ ] that in the absence of Headquarters authority to proceed with discussion with Honduran and Costa Rican contacts on this subject, we are not in a position to state whether Black Flights can be received under relatively secure conditions. Mr. Wisner advised that should such flights be made to these countries, the first flights should carry innocent cargo. Mr. Wisner asked for further consideration by WH of the subject. He observed as a general principle that aircraft used in such an operation are less subject to mischance than the combination of sea-overland or air transport. It was concluded that the [ ] plan should be referred to RUFUS for comment and that Col. King review the entire matter at LINCOLN.

ACTION: LINCOLN

- G. [ ]-CALLIGERIS Meeting  
With regard to the [ ]-CALLIGERIS  
forthcoming meeting. it was agreed (1)  
attempt keep [ ] in control of  
situation through fact he is in position  
continue obtain financial support; (2)  
[ ] and RUFUS to be told to accept  
visit with Perez Jimenez and attempt seek  
support from him, and that he would be advised.  
Also explore Trujillo in this connection;  
(3) the concept expressed in para 5(b)  
(Tactics) of IN 12247 is not correct. The  
correct policy, contrary to the one stated,  
calls for designation of Guatemala City as  
primary target. The development of a plan  
laying emphasis on FW aspects is called for.  
It was concluded that if we become at any time  
convinced that early political control of  
Guatemala City cannot be accomplished, the  
entire project will be examined. This thinking  
will be made clear to CALLIGERIS. This policy  
does not mean abandonment of LINCOLN's thinking  
as to action against garrison towns, but rather  
making action against garrison towns definitely  
secondary to the primary and prerequisite objective  
of Guatemala City. Mr. [ ] will draft a  
plan establishing Guatemala City as primary  
target.  
ACTION: WHD - Col. King-[ ] and Mr. [ ]

II. Review of action called for in previous minutes.

- A. Site for Sherwood  
It was agreed that the use of Naval craft or any  
surface vessel as a base for "Sherwood" should not  
be attempted. [ ]-CALLIGERIS to be consulted  
for alternative.  
ACTION: WHD - Col. King [ ] at LINCOLN
- B. Canadian-Guatemalan Arms Deal  
Col. King reported that he had taken up with Mr.  
Laddy the matter of the proposed Canadian-Guatemalan  
arms deal; Mr. Laddy undertook to have the deal  
blocked.
- C. Black Flight to RUFUS  
Mr. Tofte reported that the aircraft used in the  
Black Flight to Managua was in fact a CAT aircraft.  
It had not been brought to this hemisphere specifically  
for the operation, but was used because it was due for  
its 1,000-hour overhaul.

D. ARENAS/OCANA Visit

With regard to ARENAS/OCANA fund-raising efforts, it was decided not to encourage or discourage them from continuing contacts (Sen. McCarthy was contacted by them), but rather see that we are kept informed on this and similar attempts they might make.

ACTION: WHD - Col. King & LINCOLN

E. Discussion with British Rep.

Mr. Wisner requested that action previously indicated be carried through vis-a-vis Mr. Schtt.

ACTION: WHD - Mr. [ ]

III. New business

A. Cut-down on Latin American Pouches

Col. King noted that the Department's economy cut-down on Latin American pouches was interfering with communications necessary to PBSUCCESS. It was agreed that it would be preferable to have an increase of Department couriers rather than insert a CIA courier under Departmental cover. During the course of the meeting, Mr. Wisner referred the matter to Mr. Berry asking his assistance on this matter and that it be handled in a way so as not to appear to be a CIA request. Prior to further negotiation with Mr. Berry, Col. King is to obtain more details on this subject and specific requirements of LINCOLN.

ACTION: WHD - Col. King follow-up

B. Protective Surv. for Mr. McNamara

Mr. Helms reported the request that Agency protective surveillance be accorded Mr. McNamara (Sub-committee for Immigration) in Guatemala. Mr. Helms agreed to secure more information on Mr. McNamara's assignment, thereupon the Guatemala station to be advised. Meanwhile Ambassador Puerifoy's attention to be called to the proposed assignment of McNamara.

ACTION: Mr. Helms and WHD

C. LINCOLN Cash Arrangement

Col. King expressed concern over the size of LINCOLN cash on hand and requested approval for a reserve funding arrangement which would permit WH to maintain LINCOLN cash account at a figure up to [ ]

ACTION: WHD - Mr. [ ]

D. U.S. Position for OAS Conference

After reference to the proposed U.S. policy position, it was concluded that the specific items might be supported by greater detail. It was concluded that WH should prepare for consideration subsequently with Mr. Barnes and Mr. Liddy with a view to preparing such details for use of the U.S. delegate.

ACTION: WHD - Mr. [ ] Mr. [ ]

(Mr. [ ] was assigned the task of keeping in touch with "action taken".)